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Six-year dispute resolved

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Advance

A six-year dispute between St. Davids residents and the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake over ownership and costs associated with grinder pumps has been resolved.

After another lengthy discussion last week and a meeting with the town's solicitor Monday, council decided to reimburse the cost of the warranty program for the original property owners who were provided with pumps to lift sewage into the sanitary system.

More than 90 property owners were supplied with the sewage lift pumps by the town about 10 years ago. The homeowners were responsible for the installation and maintenance of the equipment.

Since then, several grinder pumps have failed and others required servicing within the first few years. The town had offered a rebate program to assist St. Davids residents with repairs that ended in 2013.

Last June, the St. Davids Ratepayers Association asked the town to purchase all grinder pumps that have been installed by homeowners and assume responsibility for the maintenance and replacement costs either through an insurance program or another system.

On Monday, St. Davids resident Collette Murdoch argued against a staff recommendation for only the reimbursement for warranty costs and not ownership of the equipment. She said the pump was left in her driveway by the town without her consent and she was required to hook it up to the sewer system.

"We pay the same rates for services as others (taxpayers) plus hydro to run our pumps," said Murdoch. "We cannot and will not micromanage the town's sewer system."

Town solicitor Callum Shedden said once the grinder pumps are installed in a house, they become part of the property of the residence and do not belong to the town.

"I have a concern that we as a council would be legally obligated in some way," said Coun. Maria Bau-Coote, prompting council to finish their discussion at an in-camera meeting with Shedden.

Of the original 98 property owners who were given grinder pumps, 47 of them are still living in their homes. Council decided to reimburse these 47 owners for an external sewer line warrantee program at a cost to the town of up to $3,300 per year.

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Council approves annual allocation of grants

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Standard

Niagara College's application for a discretionary grant from the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake was narrowly approved by council Monday following criticism over its operation of a men-only campus in Saudi Arabia.

During council's annual allocation of grants to various organizations, Coun. Martin Mazza argued against giving the college the $20,000 that was requested.

"They are the only men-only college (operated by a Canadian college)," he said. "They don't seem to want to change their stance on that."

Lord Mayor Pat Darte said by getting a foothold in Saudi Arabia through its campus there, Niagara College is in a position to encourage the country to change its admission policies.

Mazza suggested that instead of giving the funding directly to the college, the money be controlled by the town for college-related projects. He said it could go toward alleviating parking problems in the nearby neighbourhood Niagara-on-the-Green and for student housing and infrastructure at the school.

"I feel we are doing a disservice to the community by returning those tax dollars," he said, adding that Niagara College has earned over a million dollars from its Middle East campus operation.

Council voted in favour of a grant to the college by a 4-3 margin.

Seventeen other grants totalling $360,645 were approved by council. The chamber of commerce received $118,000 to host special events and for its fees for services to the town.

Other larger grants included $154,645 to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Society and Museum, $35,000 to the Shaw Festival and $15,000 to the Friends of Fort George. Requests from five organizations were turned down.

The library had requested a six per cent budget increase to about $623,000, but council decided to refer a decision on its request, along with the Niagara District Airport and additional funding for the historical society and museum to the upcoming 2017 budget deliberations.

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The humble beginnings of Fire Station No. 2

The history of Fire Station No. 2 is the second of all five stations within the Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire Department that will be featured in the Niagara Advance as part of Firefighter Appreciation Month and the 200th anniversary of the volunteer department.

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Niagara Advance

The local fire department was "very unorganized" when it started but has grown into an exceptional organization, says Richard Woodruff, retired district chief for Station No. 2 (Dt. Davids).

The first fire chief was a blacksmith named George Black.

Its first piece of fleet was an open-cab 1932 Ford pickup complete with a small ladder and numerous water buckets. It was housed in a barn owned by Doctor Duggan on Four Mile Creek Road in St.Davids.

Prior to the Second World War, an Air Raid Patrol tow-behind pump was added. Manpower was minimal but when needed, it was drawn from Queenston Quarries and Canadian Canners.

"I'm told it cost 50 cents to belong and members had to provide their own protective equipment," Woodruff recently told the Advance.

It wasn't until 1941 that an organized department was started by the Township of Niagara, housed in a new fire hall at the corner of York Road and Four Mile Creek Road.

The first fire chief was Joe Parnell, who was also the local truant officer.

The '32 Ford and three pumpers, along with 500 gallons of water, were housed at the station.

"It is interesting to note that many members came from all parts of the old Niagara Township and if a fire started on East West line north of Virgil, the truck from St David's would head to the four corners of Virgil and pick up the firemen there and proceed to the incident," explained Woodruff.

He also said during the early years in the new station, it cost 75 cents per year to belong as a member.

The firehall had a large siren on the roof and would cycle for three minutes to summon members for service.

In 1947-48, the Queenston members branched off when the Township housed a pumper in that village. This also happened in 1950-51 when the Township housed a pump in the village of Virgil.

A new modern fire hall was built in St. David's in 1984 on Warner Road and houses all state-of-the-art firefighting equipment.

"Today's local firefighters are a highly trained lot, not only in firefighting, but also in auto extrication, high angle rescue, and a increasing number of medical assistance calls," said Woodruff.

Next week, the Advance will feature the history of station no. 3 in Virgil.

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Pumphouse will offer Halloween-themed activities this weekend

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Niagara Advance

The Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre has a fun-filled day set for Oct. 30.

The Family Friendly Drop-in Art Studio will be Halloween-themed with hands-on activities for children of all ages. This will give them the chance to create their own relief-print, stamp and stencil and print them to create spooky cards, banners and more.

"This is an interactive event and fun for the entire family. It gives everyone an opportunity to use professional equipment and see the finished product," says Rianna Ostryhon, office coordinator at the Pumphouse.

The Family Friendly Drop-in Art Studio will be held on Oct. at The Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre. For more information visit www.niagarapumphouse.ca

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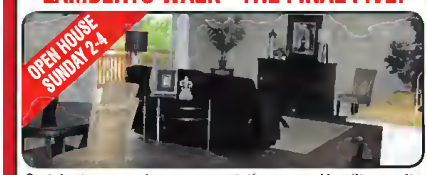

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Point of View

Niagara refugees need support

What happens after the 12th month?

That's the question that weighs heavily on the mind of Jeff Burch, executive director of the Niagara Folks Arts Multicultural Centre, when he thinks about Syrian refugees living in Niagara.

There are about 250 refugees in Niagara with more on the way, and their income benefits — both from the federal government and from private sponsors — are about to run out.

The trouble, Burch says, is that many of them are not ready or able to jump into the job market.

"The focus for the first year is often about getting them into a job, (and) that is perhaps not the best approach," he said. "The money runs out after 12 months and so then the question is, what happens in the 13th month?"

The answer from federal immigration minister John McCallum was simple: they can apply for unemployment insurance.

However, we need to back up here to deal with some important context to understand why this is not the most helpful response.

Refugees come to Canada in one of two ways — federally sponsored and privately sponsored. Most of the refugees locally are privately sponsored.

In either case, they get an income benefit for a year. In the case of government-sponsored refugees, that money comes from tax dollars. Private sponsors have to set aside at least a year's worth of money for the refugees they are taking in.

The idea here is that in that year, a refugee can get established, learn English, polish up their resume and join the workforce.

The problem is that the reality of settling a refugee is usually not that simple or that fast, particularly when they are coming from a different culture with a different language.

Kids can adapt to a foreign language pretty quickly, particularly if they are in school. But it is a vastly more difficult task for adults. If they arrived with no or limited English skills, it might take more than a year to have strong enough language skills to find a job.

Unlike immigrants who are, in part, selected by what skills they bring to the Canadian marketplace, refugees are taken in purely on need. As a result, their skill sets — from language to education — vary significantly, from janitors to engineers.

"Syria was actually a fairly wealthy country before the war," Burch said. "So you get a real range of people."

Even those with solid job skills may still have to learn English and have their credentials updated to Canadian standards, both of which can take more than a year.

That means there is going to be, for many, a gap between the end of their income benefits and their actual ability to enter the work force.

McCallum said those refugees who do not have a job when the benefits run out will have to go on social assistance, although supports to improve their language skills continue after 12 months.

"That is how we have always done it in Canada," he said. "That is how we did it with refugees from Hungary or Vietnam or any place else."

There are no plans to consider changing the system, he said.

Why should this concern Niagara?

For starters, this region has a higher than average unemployment rate, which has put enormous pressure on Niagara Region's Ontario Works budget. Earlier this year, the budget was $1.3 million in the red due to such high demand. The problem with just saying refugees can apply for social assistance should be obvious.

Certainly, there is no easy, or cheap, answer here. Niagara residents have opened their hearts, homes and wallets to Syrians escaping a truly horrifying conflict.

But if our new neighbours are to build a future for themselves, ensuring they have the right tools to do so is critically important. The federal government simply cannot throw up its hands and say, "Well, that is the way the system is," leaving over-burdened municipalities to fend for themselves.

The federal government did the right thing by accepting Syrian refugees, but it needs to do more to support the communities that are playing their role to help people in need.

-Grant LaFleche, Postmedia Network

Do you remember?

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Feeding birds in winter can brighten a grey day

Last week I couldn't bring myself to start cutting down perennials that had just barely started to look good after our torrid summer, so I took a break.

Wrong plan. Fall arrived with a vengeance and much rain, but by last Sunday, the day was warm and not very windy. Just right for starting the clean-up.

Wrong plan again. I then remembered that it would be the last day according to the weather reports that I could finish the second coat of paint on our garage door, as apparently you can't paint outdoors under 10 C. The painting got done, but none of my plans for a superb clean-up job.

So I began to look for inspirations for this column which I usually get amidst the weeds in the garden, when I came across this advice: Build pockets of stillness into your life. This sounds like a wonderful idea except that I had already built too many of these pockets into my life which is why I'm so far behind in my gardening chores.

As it is now Halloween I have to follow Jerry Baker's advice for helping your lawns and gardens for next spring (Sept. 15 article). Mix your fertilizer with 1 lb. of Epsom salts. Then using ½ the recommended strength, apply over grass and gardens. Then spray the areas with a sprayer containing: 1 can of beer, 1 cup dish detergent, and fill the rest of the sprayer with household ammonia. It does sound odd but I'm going to try it nevertheless.

The other chore is to get rid of the weeds that are in your garden now, because if you leave them there, they will be back in spades next spring and you will still have new ones. Dig out as many dandelions and as much crabgrass as you can. So if, like me, you have been playing Russian roulette with the weather, you can always trim back perennials after the ground freezes, but you can't pull the weeds. Don't leave soft annuals, such as, begonias and impatiens until the ground freezes either because they will be a soggy, slimy mess in the spring of the sort that ugly unwelcome critters love to make their homes under.

Another chore that comes at this time of year is cleaning up your bird houses if you have any.

Birds are quite particular about their housing (who knew?) and when the gentlemen are trying to woo their ladies they have to show them the house and if it's a mess, the ladies take their interest elsewhere. Quite different from the men of my youth, But that's for another column. You need to unscrew the roof (usually it's the roof), remove the nest, and swab the tiny decks with some soapy water with a little bleach added. Let them dry well, and then replace the roofs, repair any broken pieces and store till March, then hang them again. It is fascinating to watch the birds in the spring trying to sort out who gets what. But when they're settled you can see them come and go, and hear the babies chirping away. Unfortunately, once in a while you see the nest half-emptied by a squirrel or a larger bird. You always hope for the best next time.

If you've never fed the birds in winter, I guarantee you hours of fun on those gray days when you don't feel like going out. Start with one, placed near a window where you can watch them. Birds prefer to eat in the morning, (though some of mine come round for teatime). Place the feeder near shrubs or trees where the birds can take cover if needed. Once you start, keep it up throughout the winter and into the spring. Be sure to wash them in the spring before you store them. If you can, supply fresh water nearby.

There are bird feeders of all sorts, and for all pocketbooks. If you really dislike feeding squirrels, and grackles, there is a very fancy but expensive bird feeder, with a perch which swings around and out of control when a large bird or squirrel lands on it. That in itself would provide much needed amusement in the dark months.

Gardening seems to be composed of a lot of chores. But on my inspirational hunt I came across this gem: Expect anything worthwhile to take a long time.

Video consultations in your home – why not?

For the last 10 years I've provided neurology services to Thunder Bay and North Western Ontario.

As part of that service I spend at least half a day each visit checking in with my patients scattered throughout Northwestern Ontario using Telehealth. It took a while to get used to seeing my patients on a computer screen and they me, but it works.

In the early days when Telehealth began to take off, the equipment was very expensive at the hospital where I and other consultants work, and the nearly 100 or so sites scattered from the Manitoba border to the west to Wawa and Sault Ste. Marie to the east. Fortunately the costs of setting up and maintaining new networks are tumbling and the quality of the signal is now much better because of high-speed networks.

From the very beginning the program made a lot of sense. Many people in Northwestern Ontario live in remote areas serviced by local family health care teams, many of whose members turn over every few months or so and whose facilities are limited. This and the fact that road access, especially in the winter months, is problematic, makes consultant care difficult. That's where Telehealth comes in. It provides year round access, regardless of weather for patients scattered all over the north. But it isn't perfect.

First there's the matter of providing and maintaining now old generation, expensive to maintain service networks. Then, for visiting consultants like me, the service is available only when I'm there and then only for time slots often booked weeks ahead. The result is that for many problems, accessibility to continuous quality consultant-care remains a 'bridge too far'.

Other problems with Telehealth include the impossibility of physically examining patients thoroughly. Here I learned a lot from Stobo Pritchard, a masterful British pediatric neurologist at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. Stobo taught me that you could learn almost everything you needed to know about a child's nervous systems by watching them play in his office and interact with their parents and him. Stobo was mostly right; you can do a very good neurological examination by observation alone, but not entirely. Sometimes it's the pieces left out which are critical, such as properly examining the visual system. Even so, whatever the challenges posed for specialists to examine their patients, Telehealth offers an excellent first look at patients, and for patients I knew well - a great way to follow them without forcing them to drive several hours each way, sometimes through dreadful weather to see me. So yes, I like Telehealth. But that type of Telehealth is only the beginning. There's a revolution in health care taking place, although you wouldn't know it in Ontario.

In the US some of the largest health care providers such as the Mayo Clinic, are committed to expanding virtual (video) visits to many of their patients. For example, by 2020, the Mayo Clinic plans to serve 200 million patients worldwide using video visits. And by the end of this year there may be more virtual visits (e-mail, telephone and video) than in-person visits. The idea is not to do away with in-person visits (actually in-person visits increase) but to increase health care accessibility to patients where they are – in their homes, rather than forcing them to come to hospitals and clinics. Medical visits to hospitals and specialized clinics are very expensive and inconvenient ways to provide medical care. These organizations, known for delivering excellent tertiary and community health care, are betting that a mix of visits to clinics and hospitals with in-home video assessments will provide much better care. Their intention is to provide round the clock, everyday-care regardless with no 'blackout days.'

Lest we think that video visits aren't for acute care – think again. For at least fifteen years 'Telestroke' has been with us providing tertiary level care support for patients in remote centers suffering from stroke. In the US Telestroke care is the major means of providing stroke care in the country. I've seen the systems work. Helping to make this possible are new apps and medical tools capable of transmitting blood pressure, heart rate, and a partial or full-lead electrocardiogram and other tools such as downloading real-time blood sugars to when and who ever needs that information for the video meeting with your doctor. The Mayo Clinic is working with Apple to make remote medical sensing a tool of the present not the future and they aren't alone in the world bringing high tech options to medical care.

The convergence of sky rocketing health care costs, difficulties seeing your physician or covering physician outside regular hours, are driving the revolution in health care. According to a recent paper on the state of Telehealth in the New England journal of Medicine this July, "Out of every $100 spent on health care, less than 30 cents is devoted to improving the way health care is delivered." Moreover "Among 22 industries, health care systems rank 19th ... in innovation." Are we surprised? And among the most conservative are physicians – again no surprise.

It's time to think creatively about our sclerotic, expensive and overly managed health care system, which costs you and I far too much for the services provided. It seems that every few months, yet another hole appears in the health care system dike, at which point the Ministry of Health and government of the day simply reshuffle resources to get the media and public heat off them, only to create another hole to be patched in the same ad hoc, semi-urgent fashion in response to another health care boondoggle in the future.

Video visits designed to provide round the clock services would be a giant step in the right direction as an alternative to unwarranted and costly visits to emergency rooms and the limited hours and inconvenience of walk-in and urgent clinics and a real plus for home care. One of the 'elephants in the room' to providing round-the-clock service is the resistance of many family physicians to providing a 24/7-call service in the same way so many of their surgical and obstetrical colleagues do and indeed family physicians usually did in the days before family health care teams were developed and as indeed they were mandated to do when they were introduced. Video visits are one solution to the problem of providing health care to the public but only if family physicians get on board. So the key is providing incentives to family physicians and then providing them with the tools to provide for more convenient care for their patients. Just think of those video visits as house calls re-imagined.

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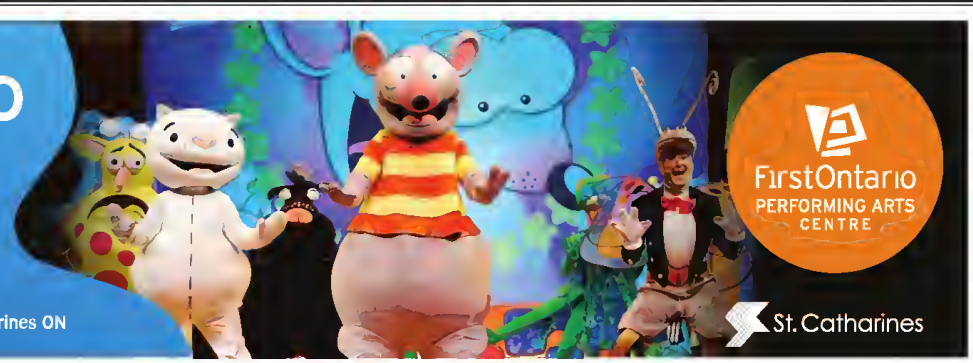

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Library construction to begin in early 2017

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The Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library is set to receive an interior overhaul – the first time any major work has taken place at the facility since it opened in 2000.

The library will close on Dec. 3 to prepare for construction, which is scheduled to begin in early 2017.

Accessibility upgrades, new shelving accessible shelving, a quiet study area, group work spaces, updated children's area and a renewed technology learning centre are all part of the project, which will have a total cost of $900,000.

A community fundraising initiative is underway – with a goal of $250,000. The local municipality has contributed $150,000 through its capital budget and another $130,000 from development charges. The federal and provincial governments have also combined for $200,000 in grants to support the project.

Cathy Simpson, chief librarian, said the work being done is very necessary and looks forward to its completion.

"The size of the library is remaining the same – we're reorganizing the use of the space," she said.

One of the new features will be the curved shelving, a relatively new style being adapted by libraries.

"It really showcases the collection in a much different way," said Simpson.

Checking out items will also become more efficient with the implementation of a radio frequency system used at checkout, as opposed to the bar code method used for many years.

"It makes self-service a lot easier," said Simpson.

She also said local library users will only be affected for a few weeks in December when limited services are available – but the neighbouring community centre will become a temporary home for the library.

They are also working with the Niagara Falls Public Library to help local bookworms get their fix when the Niagara-on-the-Lake facility is closed.

The library will close Dec. 3 to begin preparations for the renovation in January 2017.

From the beginning of December, limited Public Internet Access and printing services will be available in the community centre.

There will also be a small collection of paperbacks and magazines available, says the library's website.

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An artist's rendering of what a completed renovation will look like at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

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During this time a limited but varied selection of library materials will be available and opening hours will be reduced.

Simpson says library membership has been warm to the upcoming project and also looks forward to seeing it finished.

"They've been really understanding, which is great."

Since the library on Niagara Stone Road was built in 2000, weekly visits have increased by 145 per cent and borrowing is up by 49 per cent.

Also during this time, there has been a 67 per cent increase in new members.

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There will be costume contests for all ages and of course prizes rewarding some of the most creative kids and adults.

Children will also receive a goodie bag containing all the necessary sweet treats but also a smoke alarm.

"We like to keep the fire prevention part of the event too," said Frank Pearson, district chief for Virgil.

In past years, the Halloween celebration has exceeded the 100-person mark and Pearson says a large crowd is anticipated next week.

"It's getting bigger every year and wit the way the St. Davids community is growing – we're expecting more this year," said Pearson.

Station no. 2 is located at 745 Warner Rd.

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A scene from last year's Halloween celebration at station no. 2 in Virgil.

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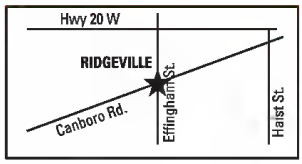

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Big Band fundraiser to benefit Red Roof retreat

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An annual event celebrating Big Band music for the Red Roof Retreat is in full swing for another year.

At the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre on Nov. 4, the charity party supported through a partnership wit the Niagara Jazz Festival, will feature performances by the Juliet Dunn Trio and Jim John's Swing Shift Big Band.

Normally organized by local musician Jack Lane, who is unable to help with the event this year, the 2016 edition's main organizer Peter Gill says it's going to be fantastic show.

"It's been a great tradition for the last 16 years and we didn't want to see it stop," said Gill in a recent interview with the Advance.

Over the years, the concert has supported numerous local charities and this year the Red Roof Retreat will be a beneficiary.

"That's a charity that's near and dear to my heart and also Jack's," he said.

Proceeds will also support the Niagara Jazz Festival.

Cost for tickets in $45 and the evening will also include silent and live auctions, cash bar, snacks and "at least one special guest," says Gill.

The Old Winery Restaurant is again offering a "bonus" early bird dinner for ticket holders who want to dine out before the show.

To reserve tickets, e-mail Gill at gillhome@cogeco.ca or call Jo Holden at 905-468-3824.

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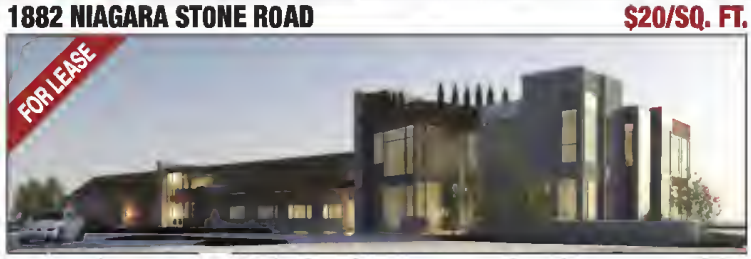

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Rougoor lead by example

Sometimes Christine Rougoor set an example for others to follow without trying and sometimes without even being aware of it.

Take family outings to local baseball games, for instance. Christine's mother Karen Rougoor said the baseball diamond wasn't really set up for a person in a wheelchair — which was an issue because her daughter was paralyzed from the chest down.

"There were just a lot of stairs," Karen Rougoor said. "But we managed. Well, we went back for the next game and one of the players brought his brother to the game, who is also in a wheelchair. He bad never come before. He brought him out because he saw Christine at the game."

By the end of the season several people who were in wbeelchairs or had other disabilities who didn't come to the games in the past were attending regularly.

"She always felt that you didn't have to hide. That people with disabilities should be out there, like anyone else," Karen Rougoor said.

Christine Rougoor, a teacher at E.L. Crossly Second School, died Monday from complications from her paralysis, her mother said. She was 29.

I met Rougoor only once.

I interviewed her at a fundraising event for Power Cord, an exercise program at Brock University for those with spinal cord injuries.

Participants had to ride a wheelchair up a hill on Concession 6 Road in Niagara-on-Lake. If you know that stretch of road, you'll know pushing a wheelchair up it is no easy task.

Christine was able to power up tbe bill without any obvious difficulty. Her shortness of breath had more to do with the impact of her paralysis on her lungs — she lost the use of her legs in a motor-cross accident in 2008 — than it did from the workout.

We did the interview while she ascended the hill. She never stopped. Christine spoke about facing life head on, about not giving up and how, regardless of the hand that life dealt you, you should never be afraid to challenge yourself.

It was hard not to be impressed. I cannot say with certainty that I would have had that positive an outlook in her condition.

"That was Christine. That was just who she was," said Karen Simpson, the principal at E.L. Crossley. "You didn't see her wheelchair. You just saw Christine."

Simpson said the school's students and staff were shocked by the news of Christine's death. Simpson's office was filling up with cards written by students in tribute to the teacher.

Brave. Positive. Energetic. Those were the words the students used to describe their French teacber, Simpson said.

"She didn't let anyone retreat from life. She didn't let you hide," said Simpson, who said Christine was very active in the school community, including helping coach a boys volleyball team.

"She led by example."

Karen Rougoor said her daughter was very aware how her students were doing, emotionally as well as academically

When two of her students were being bullied, Rougoor made sure to involve the students more in class activities. She boosted the girls' confidence and eventually the bullying stopped.

More than a million people got to see Christine's attitude on display four years ago, when a Youtube video of her bungee jumping while still in her wheelchair in Whistler, B.C., went viral.

"It's shown me we can press forward and things can always be achieved," she told the Standard in a 2012 interview about the jump. "Even though you're scared sometimes, great things can come out of pushing the boundaries. People with limited mobilities can live in a two-leg world."

A service for Rougoor was held Saturday at Pleasantview Funeral Home in Fonthill.

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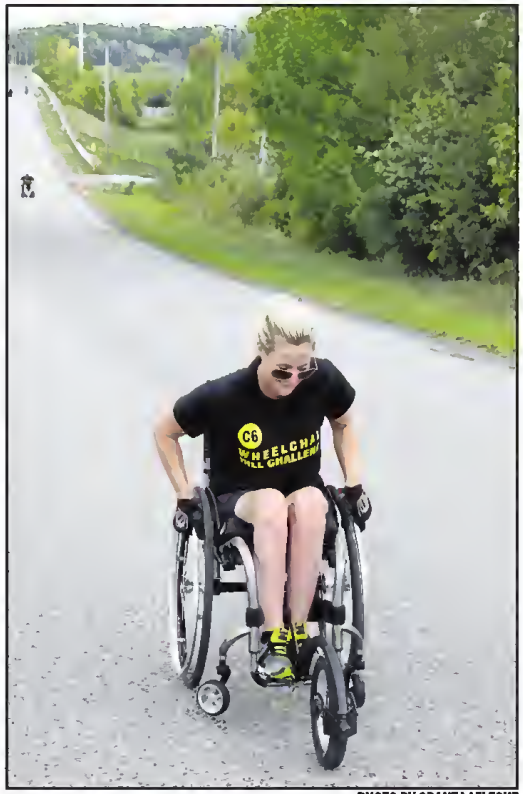

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Christine Rougoor climbs Concession Rd 6 in Niagara-on-the-Lake at a Power Cord fundraiser in September. Rougoor died last Monday at the age of 29.

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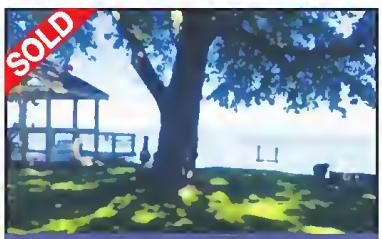

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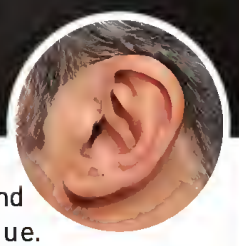

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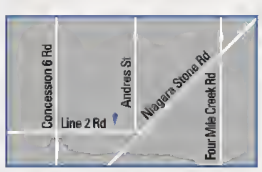

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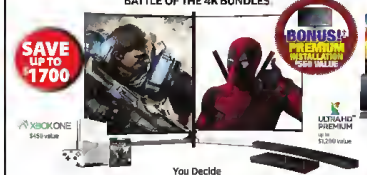

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Professor to discuss new book at library

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There are galaxies worth of information about the future of time and humanity we have very little knowledge about, says local author William F. Brown.

In his new book, 'Perspectives,' the Niagara-on-the-Lake resident explores some of his theories on the universe to the beginnings of life and far more.

The 77-year-old neurologist whose 50-year career still involves seeing patients, teaching at McMaster University and writing on deep topics like the cosmos and the evolution of species, recently sat down with the Advance to talk about his latest writing project.

The majority of Brown's work consists of theoretical papers and text books used for educational purposes – but in 'Perspectives,' Brown says he tries to depart from a typically dry medical-style prose. He says "good writing" is something that is often absent from science books.

"It's almost a badge of honour to make them blend," said Brown.

In his new book, which he will discuss in a public talk at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library on Oct. 30, he writes about how humans ended up where they are today – a result of a series of "failures" in molecular experiments over the course of billions of years.

"We are the sole survivor of all this experimentation," he said.

Brown estimates human beings have no more than 100,000 years before evolving into a species with "sufficient differences" to how we are today.

"As a species, we tend to think we are at the top of the heap and that we're going to be here for a long time," he said before pointing out that researchers know of five major extinctions that have occurred over time.

"It's very likely we will morph into one or more species," said Brown.

The local professor graduated from the University of Western Ontario in medicine and completed his training in neurology at the University of Toronto before he attended Oxford University for postgraduate training.

The bulk of his research during his four-decade career has focused on the peripheral nervous system and how nerve cells in the spinal cord and brainstem control muscles.

He has also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Neuromuscular Disease and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

Brown's presentation at the library on Oct. 30 begins at 2 p.m.

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Three young Niagara men are being remembered for their love of aviation after a tragic plane crash

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Three young Niagara men are being remembered for their love of aviation after a tragic plane crash in rural, mountainous northwestern Pennsylvania.

Corey Mijac, 18, Ben Jeffries, 19, and Rifat Tawfig, 25, were killed in the crash last week.

The wreckage of their plane, a small Canadian-registered Piper PA-28 Cherokee, was discovered by a search and rescue team the following day.

The aircraft had been bound for Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake after departing from Richmond, Va.

Mijac and Jeffries, both recent graduates of Governor Simcoe Secondary School, are from St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake respectively. Tawfig is from Niagara Falls.

Both teens were students at St. Catharines Flying Club, where Tawfig worked as an instructor.

Club spokesman Conrad Hatcher said the trio were in one of five planes returning back from several days of training in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"It was a trip to gain experience, have a little adventure. You learn a hunch of things when you travel," he said, adding it's a journey the club has made many times over the years.

Some of those planes returned a day earlier than planned, hut the Cherokee and another near identical aircraft remained in South Carolina before departing Sunday.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration lost radio contact with the plane over Potter County, Pa., at ahout 7 p.m. Sunday. It disappeared from radar at that time.

Hatcher said the aircraft was about 20 minutes behind another plane from the cluh, that took off from the same Richmond fuelling stop.

"They were preceded by one of our flying cluh airplanes. It flew the exact same route with no difficulty, which adds to the mystery."

As for reports of inclement weather, Hatcher said there may have been some rain on course, but not a "full-blown thunderstorm" as some media outlets have reported.

"That's a hig difference when you're flying an airplane. Rain is easily dealt with and thunderstorms are something you definitely want to avoid."

He has heard no details about what may have caused the crash.

"The facts are pretty bare right now. What we don't know is much bigger than what we do know," he said.

Hatcher spoke highly of the three young men, whom he had each come to know during their time with the club.

Tawfig earned his instructor qualification earlier this year. The instrument-rated pilot had ahout 400 hours under his belt.

"He was well-qualified to do this," Hatcher, also a flying instructor, said, adding Tawfig would have been the one "in charge" on the aircraft.

"We think it was Ben Jeffries that was the other one in the front seat and Corey in the passenger seat in the back."

Tawfig was an avid flyer who loved to share his passion with others.

"If you looked at his Facebook page, it's all airplanes," Hatcher said. "His dream was to fly for an airline, preferahly in the Middle East."

His family is from Saudi Arabia.

"The thing that everybody says about Rifat is how nice a guy he was. He was very kind, popular with the students," Hatcher said.

The 6-foot-5 instructor was known to many as a "gentle giant," he added.

Mijac and Jeffries were also no strangers to the club, where they attended ground school and spent much of their spare time.

Mijac even completed a high school co-op placement at the facility, located at Niagara District Airport.

"Corey was one of those guys that could always make you smile," Hatcher said. "He was always smiling, generally a happy person. Smart kid. Artistic. Athletic. The whole package."

He had heen coming to the club since he was 14 or 15 years old.

Jeffries had discovered a love for flying after his own father took lessons with the club, Hatcher said.

"I think he'd recently decided he was going to take flying a little more seriously and was here several times a week," he said, adding he was always "very pleasant" to be around.

"We thought mayhe he was going to become a commercial pilot."

Neither Jeffries nor Mijac had completed all the requirements to obtain their pilot's licence, "but both were on that path and were fairly close," Hatcher said.

"Both had made their first solo flights a while ago."

Trihutes to Mijac, Jeffries and Tawfig flooded social media Tuesday, including on their Facehook pages, with kind words and memories.

"It's tragic. People will say, well why did it happen? We don't know. We may never know," Hatcher said. "Everybody would like to have an answer."

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.

"We all know intellectually that anything like flying, driving or boating carries a certain amount of risk. You can only manage it, you can't eliminate it," Hatcher said.

News of the tragedy has hit the club, whose members hecome a family of sorts, quite hard.

The facility's doors will he

closed until at least Saturday, if not longer, out of respect for the three men and their families, Hatcher said. The closure is also in place to prevent flight instructors, who may be experiencing shock, from taking off, he said.

Funeral details have yet to be released.

The club will remain closed until all three ceremonies have been completed.

Hatcher said the club will plan something to honour the three young men.

"We're still in the shock stage and we haven't decided what that's going to he, hut we have begun talking about several ideas," he said. "It's just a matter of getting the hoard members together and deciding what would be appropriate."

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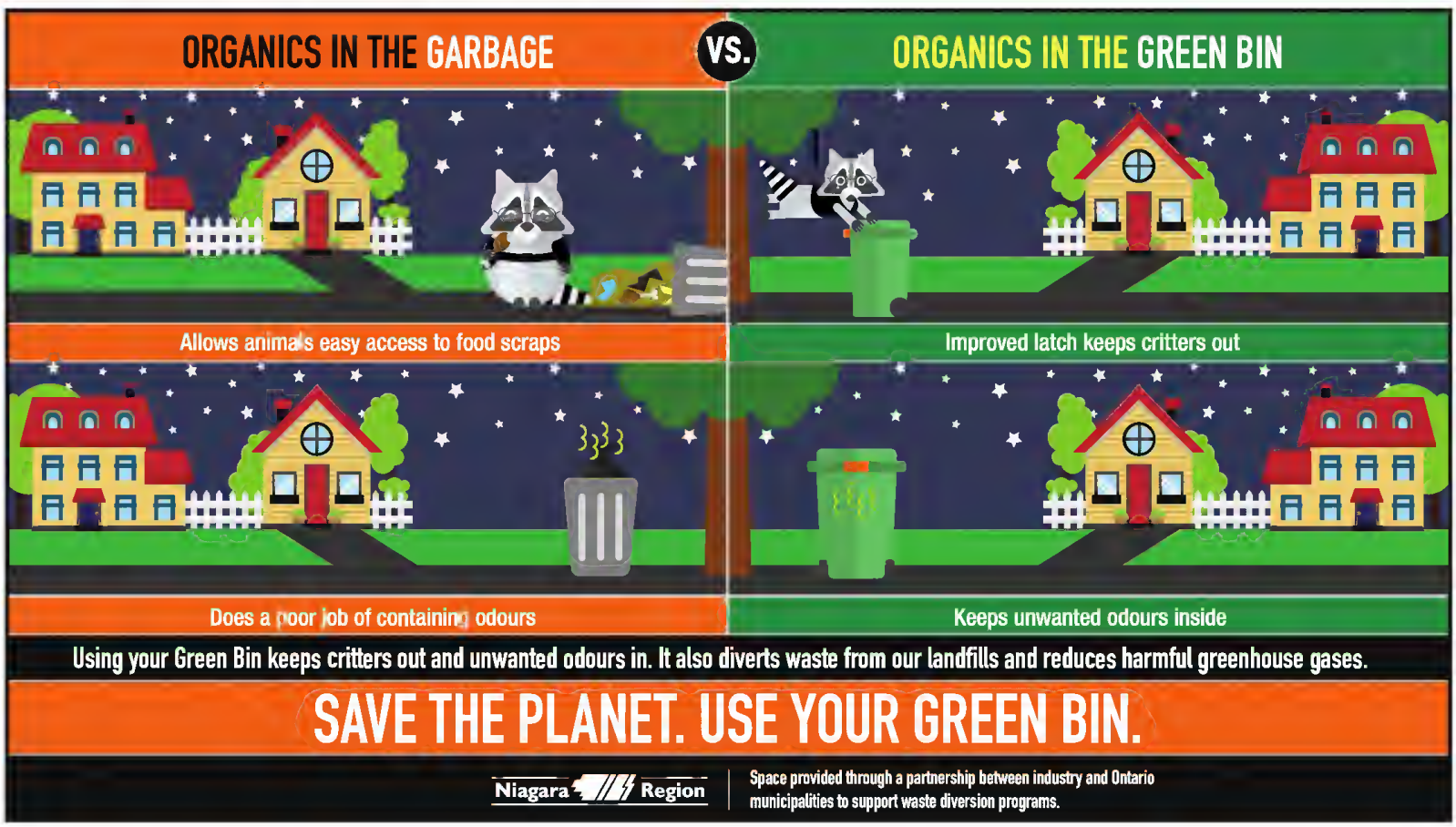

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Wynne to women: Get involved

TONY RICCIUTO
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Premier Kathleen Wynne, the province's first female premier, wants young women to know many things are possible and they should not be afraid to venture into male dominated careers that involve subjects such as engineering or mathematics.

"We need to encourage women to put themselves forward and to create support systems so that they feel like they belong," she told supporters on Saturday during a fireside chat at the Liberal Party of Canada's provincial convention and annual general meeting at the Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls.

A lot of women, she added, feel like someone else might be able to do a better job so they don't step forward to take on new challenges or opportunities. She noted that when women work in a team they want to stay and be a part of the team.

"They need to be surrounded by interested like-minded women so they feel like they belong to a group," said Wynne. She encouraged women to start up their own businesses or even run for politics.

"If we are only drawing from half the population, whether it's in science or whether it's in politics, we are not actually getting the best at the table," she said. "Not that there are not wonderful men at all of those tables, but we need to have the whole population engaged."

The premier said the same thing applies when it comes to other careers or jobs such as male teachers in elementary schools. More men are needed to enter those fields.

"I think we need to work on that too, we need to have a balance."

The premier did not make herself available to the media during the event, but she did take a few minutes to have photos taken with some of the delegates on her way out of the building.

Earlier in the day, Wynne attended Cineplex's sixth annual Community Day in Stoney Creek, then she visited Bry-Anne Farms in Fenwick before making her way to Niagara Falls.

On Friday night, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended the convention and told party faithful just because they are celebrating one year since the election, it doesn't mean the hard work is over.

That work includes doing more to create jobs, to grow the middle class and to help those who are working hard to join in.

Earlier that day, Trudeau began his trip to Niagara with a stop at Beechwood Doughnuts in downtown St. Catharines and then headed to Port Colborne to visit shops along West Street.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne made a stop at the Liberal Party of Canada's provincial convention and annual general meeting on Saturday at the Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls and offered words of advice to the audience.

'More work ahead': Trudeau

ALISON LANGLEY
Postmedia Network

Although the Liberals swept the last federal election, it is not a time to be complacent, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the party faithful in Niagara Falls, Friday.

"Just because we're celebrating one year since the election, it doesn't mean the hard work is over," he told delegates at the Liberal Party of Canada's provincial convention and annual general meeting at Fallsview Casino Resort.

"There is more work ahead of us than there is behind us."

That work, he said, includes doing more to create jobs, to grow the middle class and to help those working hard to join it.

Trudeau said the party worked tirelessly during the 2015 election campaign to "create a new vision for Canada" and have been continuing that work in the year since the election.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in Niagara Falls Friday night at the at Fallsview Casino Resort to address delegates at the Liberal Party of Canada's provincial convention and annual general meeting.

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Trudeau also made stops in St. Catharines and Port Colborne

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The party's plan of action, he told the enthusiastic crowd, included cutting taxes to the middle class and implementing the Canada Child Benefit program.

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Trudeau also credited members for helping the Liberal party to grow across Canada.

"Over the past three months, over 33,000 have registered as Liberals. Almost half, were right here from Ontario. Let's keep this momentum going."

He urged delegates to continue to have conversations with Canadians to learn what issues are most important to them.

"Go knock on doors. Make phone calls.

"In three years time, we'll have another federal election. In three years time, Canada will vote for the party that connects with them, reflects their values and, most importantly, listens to them and we need to make sure that that party is us."

Trudeau's trip to Niagara began with a stop at Beechwood Doughnuts in downtown St. Catharines before he headed to Port Colborne to visit shops along West Street.

Just over a year ago, Trudeau campaigned in St. Catharines with a stop at Caffe Gatti and in Welland at Blue Star restaurant.

The convention continued Saturday.

Minister of Finance Bill Morneau was scheduled to speak Saturday morning and Navdeep Singh Bains, Canada's minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, was on the agenda for Saturday afternoon as was Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

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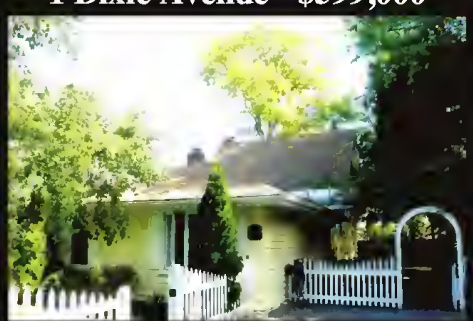

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Wild fowl caused Lincoln duck farm outbreak

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It was through contact with wild fowl that an outbreak of avian influenza occurred on a Lincoln duck farm this summer.

But wild birds, including migratory waterfowl, have played a much larger role in the spread of the virus into Europe and North America.

That was the conclusion reached by a group of scientists from across the globe, who recently published their findings focused on avian influenza and the impact of migratory birds.

As a result, farmers are being reminded of the importance of maintaining strict biosecurity measures at all times on their poultry farms, said Dr. John Pasick, veterinary national authority with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Pasick, involved in two recent scientific papers regarding the spread of avian flu, confirmed it was a "wild bird introduction" that was believed to have caused the early-July outbreak that saw a King Street farm placed under quarantine until mid-August.

As a result, 14,000 ducks on the property were euthanized to prevent spread of the disease.

The low pathogenic H5 strain discovered on the farm causes only mild illness in birds, but is capable of mutating to a high pathogenic form, which can be dangerous not only for other types of animals, but also for humans.

"The sequences for all of the genes of that virus were ... all of wild bird origin. North American wild bird origin," Pasick said. That differs from the exotic Eurasian origin that caused a highly pathogenic outbreak in British Columbia in 2014 and a large outbreak in the U.S. in 2015.

Those outbreaks were at the centre of Pasick's recent research, as he worked with other scientists to track movement of H5 avian influenza over time.

It was determined migratory birds were at the centre of the spread from China, where it first appeared in 1996, to North America.

While wild birds were suspected of being involved in the spread at that time, some scientists suspected illegal movement of poultry may have also contributed, Pasick said.

"There was some debate as to what roles each played."

Research has since determined both the B.C. and U.S. outbreaks in recent years trace back to the original 1996 virus that arose in China.

It's believed those recent cases occurred after wild birds carried the virus from South Korea to breeding grounds in Siberia, before spreading it westward into Europe and eastward via overlapping migratory pathways across the Bering Strait to Alaska and down the Pacific Flyway to B.C., he said.

"There's pretty good evidence suggesting this was the way the virus was introduced to North America."

At one time it was thought birds carrying H5 influenza would be too sick to migrate and wouldn't be able to spread the disease over long distances.

But the recent research changes that thought, Pasick said.

There are three varieties of ducks suspected of bringing the virus to North America: the northern pintail, American green-winged teal and the common teal.

"Both have their breeding grounds in Alaska. Some even cross over into Siberia," Pasick said. "They are long-distance migrants."

As birds migrate, they tend to assemble in certain areas in large concentrations, which can result in the exchange of viruses.

With migration season underway, there's an added risk of influenza being introduced to poultry barns, he said, urging farmers to take precautions to prevent breaches from occurring.

But maintaining strict biosecurity "is maybe easier said than done," he said.

"All it takes is one slip. I think biosecurity is like a chain, and the virus can sometimes find the weakest link in the chain to get in."

While it's known the H5 and H7 viruses exist among wild fowl, they are present only in their low-pathogenic form, Pasick said.

"It's only when they get introduced to domestic poultry that on occasion they can evolve into a high-pathogenic form."

With research now indicating migratory birds are responsible in part for the spread of the disease, Pasick said focus in the field will shift.

The next step will be looking in more detail at how biosecurity can be breached, how the high-pathogenic strains are maintained in wild bird populations, what causes some viruses to evolve into a high-pathogenic form, while others do not, and what characteristics are involved in making that transition.

"Those are some of the questions we're going to hopefully be focusing on."

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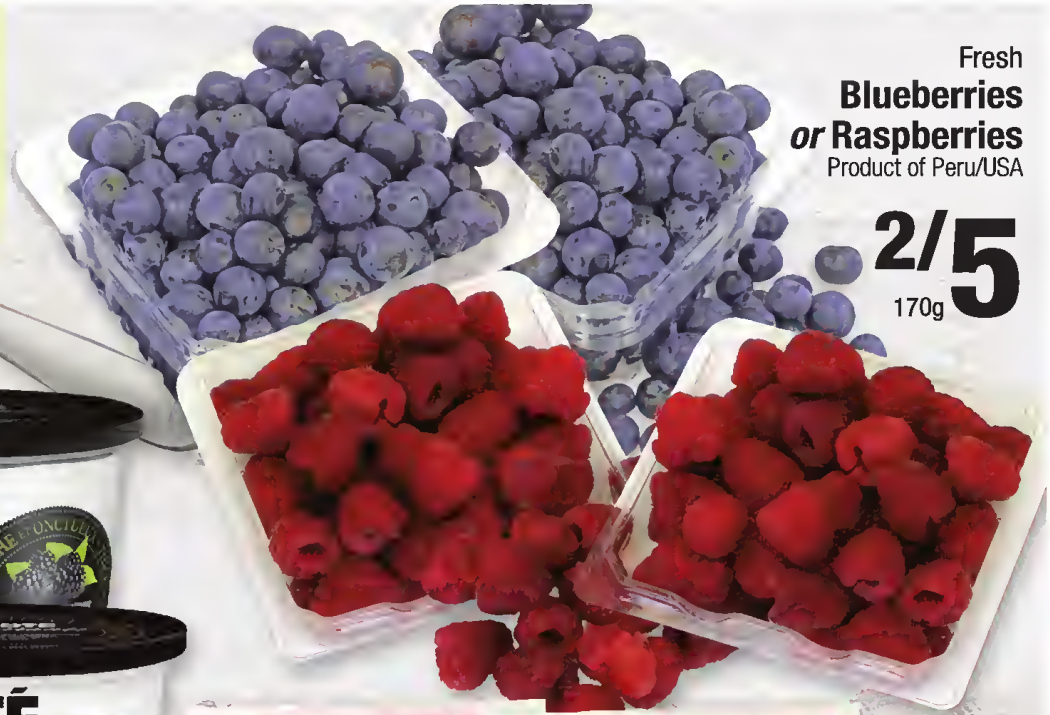

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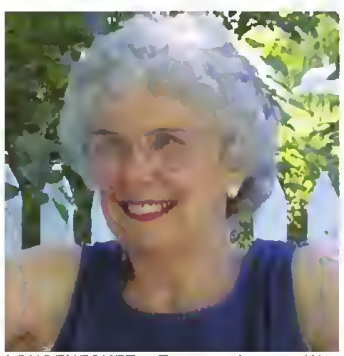

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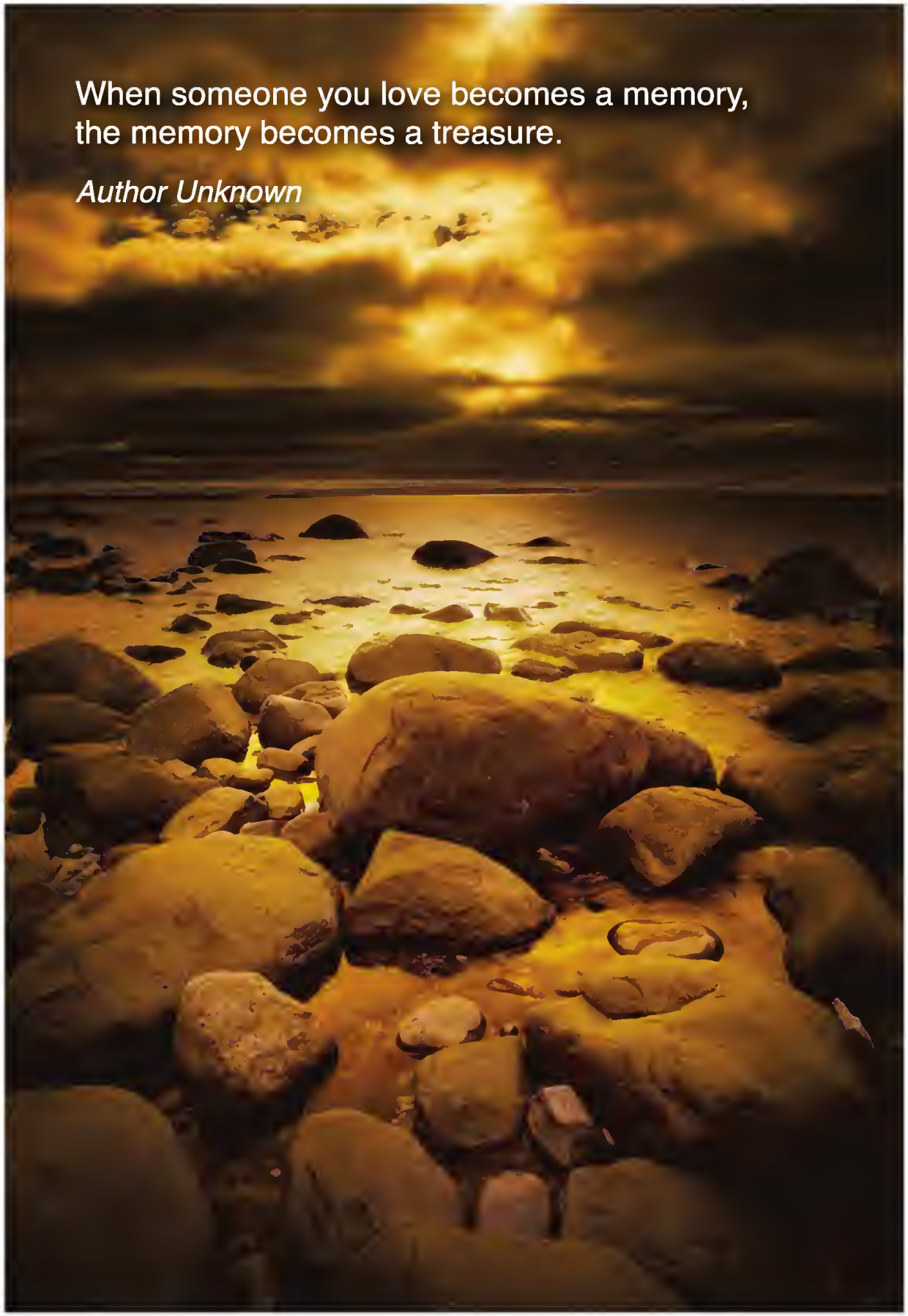

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